Advertisements by Foreign Funded NGOs

365. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a few foreign funded N.G.Os. placed advertisements in leading newspapers criticising the Central Government; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken against each such N.G.O.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OFTHE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Home Affairs had issued Show-cause Notices to 13 NGOs under the provisions of Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976.

Provision for News in Nepali on Doordarshan

366. SHRI DAWA LAMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that although there are 0.24 per cent Nepali speaking people in India in comparison to 0.01 per cent Sanskrit speaking people (1991 census), there is no provision for news in Nepali on Doordarshan;

(b) whether Government propose to consider this aspect; and

(c) if so, the time frame thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OFTHE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (c) Provision of a weekly news bulletin in Sanskrit has been made not on the basis of percentage of Sanskrit speaking population but because of importance and status of Sanskrit language in Indian culture and heritage. Prasar Bharati have intimated that at present there is no proposal to introduce Nepali news bulletin on Doordarshan.

Disruption of shooting of Film 'Water'

367. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he had observed that attempts at disruption of the shooting of film 'Water' cannot be endorsed as nobody could assume the powers of the National Film Censor Board;